
EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

Working Documents

1979 - 1980

8 February 1980

DOCUMENT 1-719/79

Report

drawn up on behalf of the Committee on Agriculture

**on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to
the Council (Doc. 1-628/79) for a directive amending
Directive 72/159/EEC on the modernization of farms**

Rapporteur: Mrs C. BARBARELLA

1.2.1

By letter of 14 December 1979 the President of the Council of the European Communities requested the European Parliament, pursuant to Article 43 of the EEC Treaty, to deliver an opinion on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a directive amending Directive 72/159/EEC on the modernization of farms.

The President of the European Parliament referred this proposal to the Committee on Agriculture.

The Committee on Agriculture appointed Mrs Barbarella rapporteur.

It considered the proposal at its meeting of 23 and 24 January 1980 and unanimously adopted the motion for a resolution.

Present : Sir Henry Plumb, chairman; Mr Ligios and Mr Fröh (vice-chairmen); Mrs Barbarella, rapporteur; Mr Barbagli (deputizing for Mr Tolman), Mr Battersby, Mr Bocklet, Mrs Castle, Mr Clinton, Mr Colleselli, Mr Curry, Mr Dalsass, Mr Diana, Mr Gatto, Mr Helms, Mrs Herklotz, Mr Jürgens, Mr Kirk, Mr Maffre-Baugé, Mr Maher, Mrs Martin (deputizing for Mr Pranchère), Mr B. Nielsen, Mr d'Ormesson, Mr Papaietro, Mr Provan, Miss Quin, Mr Skovmand, Mr Sutra, Mr Vernimmen, Mr Wettig and Mr Woltjer.

C O N T E N T S

	Page
A. MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION	5
B. EXPLANATORY STATEMENT	6
ANNEX	7

The Committee on Agriculture hereby submits to the European Parliament the following motion for a resolution together with explanatory statement:

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

embodying the opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a directive amending Directive 72/159/EEC on the modernization of farms

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council¹,
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 43 of the EEC Treaty (Doc.1-628/79),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Agriculture (Doc. 1-719/79),

Approves the Commission's proposal.

¹ OJ No. C 312, 12.12.1979, p. 4

B
EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

1. Article 14(2)(a) of Council Directive 72/159 on the modernization of farms stipulates that until 31 December 1979 Member States may grant temporary aids to farmers who are not capable of attaining the level of comparable earned income and who are not yet eligible for the annuities provided for in Directive 72/160 concerning measures to encourage the cessation of farming by farmers aged from 55 to 65 years.
2. The structural directives are currently under review and the various amendments proposed by the Commission are being discussed by the Council of Ministers and the European Parliament¹. As regards Article 14(2)(a), the Commission proposes that the ceiling for investment should be 15,000 UA and that the beneficiaries should undertake to keep accounts for five years.
3. In the document under consideration the Commission proposes that, pending completion of the procedures, the existing scheme for temporary aids should be extended until this review has been completed or until 31 December 1980 at the latest.
4. The Committee on Agriculture has no hesitation in endorsing this extension since the discussions concerning reform of the structural directives have already reached an advanced stage and it is reasonable to expect that they will be concluded within a relatively short period.

¹ See OJ No. C 124, 17.5.1979, and report by Mrs Barbarella, PE 61.896

Article 14(2) (a) of Directive 72/159¹:

- (a) Member States may, during a period of five years from the time when this Directive takes effect, grant temporary aids to farmers who are not capable of attaining the level of earned income laid down under Article 4 and who are not yet eligible for the annuities provided for in Article 2(1) of the Council Directive of 17 April 1972 concerning measures to encourage the cessation of farming and the reallocation of utilized agricultural area for the purposes of structural improvement, but such aids may not be granted on more favourable terms than those laid down in Article 8 hereof;

Article 1 of Directive 78/1017 of 24 November 1978 amending Directive 72/159²:

The period laid down in Article 14(2) (a) of Directive 72/159/EEC shall be extended until 31 December 1979 as regards the measures provided for under that Article in force in the Member States on 15 March 1977.

¹ OJ No. L 96, 23.4.1972, p. 6

² OJ No. L 349, 13.12.1978, p. 32

